Training of Health functionaries.

Further, an Expert Team has been constituted on 28th May, 1996 by the Govt. of India to assess the implementation of the kala-azar Control activities in Bihar and West Bengal and suggest measures to ensure effective implementation of the programme.

**Interim Report of Pay Committee**

1270. SHRI MRUTYUNJAYA NAYAK : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the UGC has received any Interim Report from the Pay Committee constituted to consider and suggest the pay scales of Professors, Readers and Lecturers of the Universities and Colleges; and

(b) the time by which the final report is expected to be received by the UGC for fixation of pay scales of Professors, Readers and Lecturers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) As per the terms of reference of the UGC Pay Review Committee, it would make its recommendations in regard to the pay scales of University and College teachers in the light of the 5th Pay Commission recommendations in respect of revision of pay scales of Central Government employees.

**Inter State Water Disputes**

1271. SHRI S.D.N.R. WADIYAR : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether his Ministry has been laying greater emphasis on the settlement of Inter-State water disputes;

(b) if so, what are the Inter-State water disputes pending for settlement;

(c) whether there has been an inordinate delay on the scluti of those disputes;

(d) if so, the steps taken to resolve the disputes at an early date; and

(e) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) Yes, Sir. As per the existing practice efforts are made to solve the water disputes through negotiations with the basin states. In case, the efforts do not fructify and if any of the basin States approaches the Central Government to set up a Tribunal, the same is set up under Inter-State Water Disputes Act, 1956 to adjudicate. There is also a proposal for adopting National Policy Guidelines for water sharing.

(b) to (e). At present, there are two Inter-State Water Disputes, namely : (i) Cauvery Water Disputes & (ii) Ravi-Beas Water Disputes.

In case of Cauvery Water Disputes, the Tribunal has conducted 90 hearings till date.

In the case of Ravi-Beas Water Disputes, it has not been possible to hold the sittings of the Tribunal due to the resignation of one of the Members of the Tribunal.

**Indo-Iran Chemical Deal**

1272. SHRI HANNAN MOLLAH : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government has been invited to the news item captioned "Clinton administration to probe India-Iran chemical deal" appearing in 'The Economic Times', New Delhi dated June 30, 1996;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein and the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) the steps taken to clarify India's stand on this commercial deal with Iran?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. US Administration have conveyed their apprehension about the possibility of the pesticide plant being used for chemical weapon purposes.

(c) Government have conveyed that India is committed to nonproliferation of chemical weapons and honouring its international commitment under the Chemical Weapons Convention to which it is a signatory.

**Birth Rate**

1273. SHRI B.L. SHARMA PREM : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the average annual birth-rate in the country at present;

(b) the target of birth-rate by the year 2000;

(c) whether the Government are satisfied that as per the measures undertaken so far, the progress in the decline in the birth-rate would make the target achievable;

(d) if not, the additional measures which are under consideration;

(e) whether the Government propose to examine the desirability of debarring such people from voting or standing for election who have more than 3 children after a retrospective date; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) As per latest Sample Registration System estimates, annual birth rate in the country is 28.7 (per 1000 population) for the year 1994.

(b) In terms of National Health Policy (1983), the target birth rate for the country by the year 2000 AD is 21 (per 1000 population).

(c) According to the Planning Commission estimates the target of Net Reproduction Rate (NRR) of 1 is likely to be achieved by 2011-2016 A.D.

(d) The additional measures taken, inter-alia, include the following :

(i) Under the Social Safety Net Scheme, additional financial support to 90 districts having higher birth rate;

(ii) Externally aided projects in states having high growth rates,

(iii) Implementation of Family Welfare Programme on the basis of target free approach effective from 1996-97 with emphasis on quality of care and clients' satisfaction;

(iv) Increased involvement of Non Governmental Organisations (NGSOs); and

(v) Integrated Reproductive Child Health (RCH) Package.

(e) and (f). A Constitution (Seventy Ninth Amendment) Bill, 1992 which disqualifies prospectively a person having more than two children from being a member of either House of Parliament or either House of Legislature of a State, has been recommended by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Human Resource Development to be passed.

**Bridge Over Yamuna**

1274 SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to construct a pucca bridge in place of the pantoon bridge on river Yamuna at Chilla ghat Banda Marg in Fatehpur district in Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the time by which this work is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) and (b). Constitutionally, the Central Government is responsible for development and maintenance of National Highways only and all other roads are the responsibility of respective State Governments. As the bridge in question is not on National Highways network its construction is the responsibility of State Government of Uttar Pradesh.

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**Central Water Commission**

1275. SHRI ANAND RATN[illegible] Minister of WATER RESO[illegible]

(a) the number of [illegible]cial languages Act in his Ministry and in the Central Water Commission during the last three years;

(b) the reasons for such violations and the acion taken in this regard;

(c) whether incidents of such violation in the Ministry and its attached offices are still continuing, if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) if not, the reasons for providing more staff facilities to 'Bhagirath' (English version) in comparison to 'Bhagirath (Hindi version) as also reasons for depriving the Hindi Journal of necessary facilities; and

(e) the steps proposed to be taken to improve the situation by stopping such violations of the official languages Act and by putting an end to utter disregard of Hindi?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) No violation of the Official Language Act in the Ministry of Water Resources or the Central Water Commission during the last three years has come to the notice of the Government.

(b) and (c). The question does not arise.

(d) Similar staff and other facilities for both Hindi and English edition of Bhagirath have been provided.

(e) The question does not arise.

**Admission in Colleges in Delhi**

1276. DR. MAHADEEPAK SINGH SHAKYA :
JUSTICE GUMAN MAL LODHA :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn towards the newsitem captioned "Sath Pratishat Se Neeche Walon Ko to Dhakhila Hi Nahin Milnewala" appearing in Jansatta dated June 17, 1996;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) whether only those students who have secured more than 60% marks are likely to get admission in colleges; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken to ensure that all the students get admission in regular classes irrespective of their percentage of marks secured by them in Twelfth class?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d). According to the information furnished by the Central Board of Secondary Education 65,435 students have passed class XII examination from Delhi Zone this year. Most of these students would have applied for admission to under-graduate courses in Delhi